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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Stanley M. Moskowitz
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SUBJECT : Your Meeting with Bill Shinn,
US Consul, Leningrad (1330, Monday 20 June)

1. We have scheduled this meeting for two reasons:

- Bill Shinn is one of our most perceptive observers of the Soviet scene
- His views about the operations of the Consulate will give you first-hand information about a subject which may soon be under NSC consideration -- the reopening of the US and Soviet consulates in Kiev and New York.

2. Bill Shinn has devoted much of his life to Soviet affairs. He spent a year in Leningrad as a student; has served in Moscow, Warsaw, on the SALT I delegation and as head of the State Department Soviet office. In 1980 his Parkinson's disease became worse and it was feared that his active career might be ending. Fortunately, in the summer of 1982, a new experimental drug made it possible for him to return to action as our Consul in Leningrad -- to his great satisfaction and to our great benefit. Since then, he has aggressively and intelligently pushed to extend the Consulate's access to Soviet officials and private citizens. His reports have been a model of erudition and lively writing as exemplified by his analysis that anti-American attitudes appeared to be on the rise in Leningrad (a report you have seen).

3. His visit to the US comes at a particularly good time as the NSC may soon consider the desirability of reopening US and Soviet consulates in Kiev and New York. You will recall that State has been proposing this as a way of enhancing the US-Soviet dialogue but that others had been opposed because it would reverse an Afghanistan-related sanction (the US ordered the consulates closed in retaliation for the Soviet invasion.) This consideration is important but I believe that in weighing State's proposal we should also look at the value of the consulates to ourselves and the Soviets. Bill Shinn should be able to cast some light on this.

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4. In light of the foregoing I suggest that there are three areas you may wish to explore with Shinn:

- What we and the Soviets get out of our respective consulates
- His general perceptions of Soviet life today as compared to his previous Soviet tour in the sixties
- His personal appreciation of Romanov (with whom he has met)

5. Bob Gates knows Shinn well from his SALT and NSC days and we have invited him to participate in your meeting with Shinn. In addition we shall have a small lunch for Shinn immediately before your meeting with him

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